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The SPECTATOR.

Mille trahens varios adverſo ſole colores. Virg.

Thurſday, January 10. 1712.

…ceive a double Advantage from the Letters … my Correſpondents; firſt, as they ſhew me … which of my Papers are moſt acceptable to them, … in the next place, as they furniſh me with … for new Speculations. Sometimes indeed … make uſe of the Letter it ſelf, but form the … of it into Plans of my own Invention, ſome- … I take the Liberty to change the Language or … into my own way of ſpeaking and think- … always (if it can be done without preju- … the Senſe) omit the many Compliments and … which are uſually beſtowed upon me. … the two Advantages above-mentioned, which … from the Letters that are ſent me, they … Opportunity of lengthning out my Pa- … skilful Management of the ſubſcribing Part … of them, which perhaps does not a little … to the Eaſe, both of my ſelf and my Reader. … will have it, that I often write to my ſelf, … the only punctual Correſpondent I have. This … would indeed be material, were the Letters … nicate to the Publick ſtuffed with my own … dations, and if, inſtead of endeavouring to … inſtruct my Readers, I admired in them the … of my own Performances. But I ſhall leave … wiſe Conjecturers to their own Imaginations, … duce the three following Letters for the En- … ment of the Day.

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…s laſt *Thurſday* in an Aſſembly of Ladies, … where there were Thirteen different colour- … oods. Your *Spectator* of that Day lying up- … Table, they ordered me to read it to them, … I did with a very clear Voice, till I came to … Verſe at the end of it. I muſt confeſs I was … ſtartled at its popping upon me ſo unexpect- … owever, I covered my Confuſion as well as … and after having muttered two or three hard … to my ſelf, laught heartily, and cryed *A … ood jeſt, Faith.* The Ladies deſired me to ex- … it to them, but I begg'd their Pardon for … and told them that if it had been proper for … to hear, they may be ſure the Author would … have wrapt it up in *Greek*. I then let drop … Expreſſions, as if there was ſomething in … was not fit to be ſpoken before a Compa- … Ladies. Upon which the Matron of the … y, who was dreſſed in a Cherry-coloured … commended the Diſcretion of the Wri- … having thrown his filthy Thoughts into … which was likely to corrupt but few of … ers. At the ſame time ſhe declared herſelf … well pleaſed, that he had not given a deci- … on upon the new-faſhioned Hoods; for … to tell you truly, ſays ſhe, I was afraid he would … have made us aſhamed to ſhow our Heads. Now, … Sir, you muſt know, ſince this unlucky Accident … happened to me in a Company of Ladies, a- … mong whom I paſſed for a moſt ingenious Man, … I have conſulted one who is well verſed in the … *Greek* Language, and aſſures me upon his Word, … that your late Quotation means no more, than … that *Manners and not Dreſs are the Ornaments of a … Woman.* If this comes to the knowledge of my … Female Admirers, I ſhall be very hard put to it … to bring my ſelf off handſomly. In the mean … while I give you this Account, that you may take … care hereafter not to betray any of your Well- … wiſhers into the like Inconveniencies. It is in the … number of theſe that I beg leave to Subſcribe my … ſelf.

Tom Trippit.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'YOUR Readers are ſo well pleaſed with your … Character of Sir ROGER DE COVER- … LY, that there appeared a ſenſible Joy in every … Coffee-houſe, upon hearing the old Knight was … come to Town. I am now with a Knot of his … Admirers, who make it their joint Requeſt to you, … that you would give us publick Notice of the … Window or Balcony where the Knight intends to … make his Appearance. He has already given great … Satisfaction to ſeveral who have ſeen him at … *Squire*'s Coffee-houſe. If you think fit to place … your ſhort Face at Sir ROGER's Left Elbow, we … ſhall take the Hint, and gratefully acknowledge ſo … great a Favour.

I am, SIR,

Your moſt Devoted

Humble Servant.

C. D.

SIR,

'KNowing that you are very Inquiſitive after … every thing that is Curious in Nature, … I will wait on you at your pleaſe in the Dusk … of the Evening, with my *Show* upon my Back, … which I carry about with me in a Box, as … only conſiſting of a Man, a Woman, and an … Horſe. The two firſt are married, in which … ſtate the little Cavalier has ſo well acquitted him- … ſelf, that his Lady is with Child. The big- … bellied Woman, and her Husband, with their … whimſical Palfry, are ſo very light, that when … they are put together into a Scale, an ordi- … nary

'nary Man may weigh down the whole Family. 'The little Man is a Bully in his Nature; but 'when he grows Cholerick I confine him to his 'Box 'till his Wrath is over, by which means I 'have hitherto prevented him from doing Miſchief. 'His Horſe is likewiſe very vicious, for which 'reaſon I am forced to tie him cloſe to his Manger 'with a Pack-thread. The Woman is a Coquet. 'She ſtruts as much as it is poſſible for a Lady of 'two Foot high, and would ruin me in Silks, were 'not the quantity that goes to a large Pin-cuſhion 'ſufficient to make her a Gown and Petticoat. She 'told me the other Day, that ſhe heard the Ladies 'wore coloured Hoods, and ordered me to get her 'one of the fineſt Blue. I am forced to comply 'with her Demands while ſhe is in her preſent Con'dition, being very willing to have more of the ſame 'Breed. I do not know what ſhe may produce me, 'but provided it be a *Show* I ſhall be very well ſa'tisfied. Such Novelties ſhould not, I think, be 'concealed from the *Britiſh Spectator*; for which 'reaſon I hope you will excuſe this Preſumption 'in,

Your moſt Dutiful,

moſt Obedient

and moſt Humble Servant,

S. T.

'ERRATA, *in Yeſterdays* Spectator, *in the Motto after* deridet *add* Quam. *In Col.* 1. *line* 11. *for* Bed *read* Beds, *Col.* 1. *line* 40. *dele* a, *Col.* 2. *line* 10. *for* Inſtance *read* Inſtant.

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